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April 8, 2009

Mr. Timothy E. Eastep, Manager  
Environment, Land & Water Department  
Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
Chino Mines Company  
P.O. Box 7  
Hurley, New Mexico 88043

RE: Approval of Request for Extension of Due Date for Revised Completion Report  
Interim Remedial Action, Groundhog Mine Stockpile  
Hanover and Whitewater Creeks Investigation Unit (H/WCIU)  
Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)

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Dear Mr. Eastep:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the above referenced Request for Extension letter on April 7, 2009. The NMED comment letter was mailed on March 27, 2009 and signed for at Chino Mines Company (Chino) on March 30, 2009. The initial due date for submittal of the revisions to the Completion Report was April 15, 2009. Approving the thirty day extension request will set the submittal date at May 15, 2009. NMED approves the Request for Extension submitted by Chino.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 388-1934.

Sincerely,

Phil Harrigan, Chino AOC Project Manager  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section  
Ground Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
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